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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of: James T. Kealey, *et al.*

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## RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF OCTOBER 15, 2003

Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is a response to the Office action dated October 15, 2003, for the above-referenced application. A three month time period was set for filing a response, making a first response due on or before January 15, 2004. Applicants hereby request a three month extension of time, and enclose herewith the appropriate fee. Accordingly, a response is now due no later than April 15, 2004.

Please amend the application as follows: